



Press Release

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**THE INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY
AND NATURAL MEDICINE
AWARDS**

Following the successful launch of the first ever Institute for Complementary and Natural Medicine (ICNM) Complementary Health Awards last year, entries are now open for the 2010/11 Awards, sponsored by Balens Insurance, which recognise complementary medicine practitioners, students and organisations for their achievements and for raising the profile of complementary medicine.

The Awards will comprise four categories: Best Complementary Medicine Student, Best Complementary Medicine Practitioner, Outstanding Contribution to Complementary Medicine, and Best Complementary Medicine Company (which includes colleges, clinics and companies).

Chief Executive at the ICNM Yvonne Wilcox says: "We are expecting these Awards to grow in stature as people realise the professionalism of complementary medicine practitioners. The ICNM stands for quality and these awards are looking for the best of the best. I would encourage everyone, practitioners and clients, to get involved in these Awards by nominating a practitioner, student, college, clinic or a company, we've simplified the form and it will only take a couple of minutes to fill in."

Last year's winner of ICNM Best Complementary Practitioner, Maureen Mulligan, Director of the Irish Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (IINM), said "I was overwhelmed to receive the honour of an ICNM Award and I still am. Receiving the award and having it presented in the National Parliament of Ireland has helped raise the profile of the IINM. The Health Authority in Ireland has recognised the IINM as an effective service provider for people with suicidal and homicidal tendencies. The IINM has now prepared a Medical Research proposal on the back of the Government's interest in our work.

This year, the Awards are being sponsored by specialist insurers Balens Insurance

You can download a copy of the nomination form from the website www.icnm.org.uk or contact the ICNM by phone on 0207922 7980 and one will be sent to you. Entries close on 30th November 2010.

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For further information please contact either Jo-Anne Flack or Yvonne Wilcox at the ICNM on 0207 922 7980 or visit the website at www.icnm.org.uk.

The ICNM administers the British Register of Complementary Practitioners (BRCP) which is one of the longest running registers of its kind in the country. Its members range from acupuncturists to aromatherapists, hypnotherapists and reflexologists, to name a few. In order to qualify to be a member of the BRCP, practitioners must prove their competence to practice by either completing an approved course or through an assessment made by the BRCP.

Categories:

The Best Complementary Medicine Student will be nominated by a tutor or teacher.

The Best Complementary Practitioner will include nominations from colleagues and patients or be self-nominated.

Outstanding Contribution to Complementary Medicine will include nominations from anywhere within the medical or complementary medicine sector or the general public. The nominees will be individuals or groups who stand out from the crowd because of the work or contribution they have made to complementary medicine.

Best Complementary Medicine Company will be nominated from practitioners and the general public and can be a college, clinic or company.